

**CITY OF BRIDGEPORT
BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 13, 2015**

ATTENDANCE: Michael Marella, Co-chair; Patricia Swain, AmyMarie Vizzo-Paniccia, Denese Taylor-Moye

OTHERS: Tom Sherwood, OPM Director; John Cottell, Public Facilities Deputy Director, Council Member Melanie Jackson; Mr. Wallick, Bridgeport Board of Education.

CALL TO ORDER

Council Member Marella called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. A quorum was present.

Approval of Committee Minutes: August 10, 2015
(Regular Meeting).

**** COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR-MOYE MOVED TO APPROVE THE AUGUST 10, 2015 MINUTES.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER VIZZO-PANICCIA SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE AUGUST 10, 2015 MINUTES AS SUBMITTED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Approval of Committee Minutes: September 8, 2015
(Special Meeting).

**** COUNCIL MEMBER SWAIN MOVED TO APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER 8, 2015 MINUTES.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR-MOYE SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER 8, 2015 MINUTES AS SUBMITTED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

General Discussion: Review of the Monthly Financial Report.

Mr. Sherwood said that Ms. Kelly-Lenz had to leave. He said that the July Financial report was ready and August would be following soon. By law the fiscal year can't be closed out for 60 days following the end of the year due to the open accounts. Council Member Swain said that it was October and the June final report had not been issued. Mr. Sherwood said that he believed that the June draft numbers had been released. He said that the auditors were working on the 2014-2015 fiscal year audit. The July report was submitted on time and he expected that the August report would also be on time. Council Member Taylor-Moye asked if there was a way to compare the month to last year. Mr. Sherwood explained that until the months were closed out, the figures would be very inaccurate. He added that during July and August, the budget figures usually are very low, since it is the start of the budget year and no identifiable patterns would be evident.

Budget update from Public Facilities.

Mr. Sherwood said that he thought Mr. Garcia had been out of the office. He suggested contacting the department head individually in the upcoming months to make sure they were aware they were expected at the meeting.

171-14 Proposed Approval of Additional Capital Project Authorization to the 2016-2020 Five-Year Capital Plan concerning the Thomas Hooker School Roof Project.

Mr. Sherwood explained that the City needed to approve the item to start the paperwork for the roof. Council Member Marella asked how long it would be before the repairs started. Mr. Sherwood said that the work would probably be done during the summer. The State needs to approve the project. Mr. Wallick said that the project had to be advertised for an architect or the State won't reimburse the City for the costs.

Council Member Jackson asked a number of questions about the process and the project time, which Mr. Sherwood reviewed with her.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER VIZZO-PANICCIA MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 171-14 PROPOSED APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL CAPITAL PROJECT AUTHORIZATION TO THE 2016-2020 FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL PLAN CONCERNING THE THOMAS HOOKER SCHOOL ROOF PROJECT.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER SWAIN SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

172-14 Proposed Approval of General Obligation Bonds – To Fund Certain Capital Improvement Projects concerning Thomas Hooker School Roof Capital Project.

**** COUNCIL MEMBER SWAIN MOVED TO APPROVE AGENDA ITEM 172-14 PROPOSED APPROVAL OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS – TO FUND CERTAIN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS CONCERNING THOMAS HOOKER SCHOOL ROOF CAPITAL PROJECT.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER TAYLOR-MOYE SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ADJOURNMENT

**** COUNCIL MEMBER SWAIN MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**** COUNCIL MEMBER VIZZO-PANICCIA SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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